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**Election and Amendment**

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Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction action mailed October 28, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Invention I (product claims 9; 16; 40; 42-71; 74; 78-88; and 91) for continued prosecution in this application.

Applicants further elect Species 2 - wetlaid web and subspecies b - discontinuous hydrophobic matter and subspecies 3) wipe pad. Claims 9; 16; 40; 42-71; 74; 78-88 and 91 are readable thereon. Consistent with the foregoing, claims 17; 41 72-73; 75-77; 89-90 and 92 are cancelled by the following amendments to the claims.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.